

Quarterly Progress Report

Quarter ending December 31, 2003
Grant Number: 801246

Services provided to local governments, owners, managers and operators of rural utility systems and projects.

Services provided consist of staff training for managers and clerks in recordkeeping and utility management, ordinance assistance, user agreements and rate setting. We provide utility management training on five levels.

Progress on training and education of the Contractor's Rural Utility Business Advisor.

As reported in last quarter's report, the incumbent resigned effective July 22, 2002 for personal reasons to return to Togiak. Advertising was delayed until the OEH supervisor was available. (This was the summer season and vacations were scheduled.)

When supervisors for both agencies were available paperwork was submitted for advertisement. Due in part to the time of year, response was extremely limited. Respondents were interviewed and no selection made. It was decided to re-advertise. However, a proposal to restructure the model was submitted and it was decided not to fill the position in the same manner.

Status on the "partnering" approach effectiveness and suggestions for improvement.

An amendment to the contract was submitted to the Denali Commission (Kraig Johnson) at the start of this quarter. To date, no response has been received.